

or their Discretion, to let Prisoners, and Persons arrested for light Suspicion of Felony, to Bail or Mainprise; (2) by colour whereof afterward divers persons, such as were not mainpernable, were oftentimes letten to Bail and Mainprise, by Justices of the Peace, against the due form of the Law, whereby many Felons escaped, to the great Displeasure of the King, and Annoyance of his liege People: (3) Wherefore the King our said Sovereign Lord considering it, by the Advice and Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and at the Prayer of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, hath ordained, established, and enacted, That the Justices of Peace in every Shire, City, and Town, or two of them at the least, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, have Authority and Power to let any such Prisoners, or Persons mainpernable by the Law, that have been imprisoned within their several Counties, City, or Town, to Bail or Mainprise, unto their next general Sessions, or unto the next Gaol-delivery of the same Gaols in every Shire, City, or Town, as well within Franchises as without, where any Gaols been or hereafter shall be; (4) and that the said Justices of the Peace, or one of them, so taking any such Bail or Mainprise, do certify the same at the next general Sessions of the Peace, or the next general Gaol-delivery of any such Gaol within every such County, City, or Town, next following after any such Bail or Mainprise so taken, upon pain to forfeit unto the King for every default thereupon recorded *x. li.* (5) and moreover it is enacted by the same Authority, that every Sheriff, Bailiff of Franchise, and every other person, having Authority or Power of keeping of Gaol, or of Prisoners for Felony, in like manner and form do certify the Names of every such Prisoner in their keeping, and of every Prisoner to them committed for any such cause, at the next general Gaol-delivery, in every County or Franchise where any such Gaol or Gaols have been, or hereafter shall be, there to be Kalendred before the Justices of the Deliverance of the same Gaol, whereby they may, as well for the King as for the Party, proceed to make Deliverance of such Prisoners according to the Law, (6) upon pain to forfeit unto the King for every default there recorded *C. s.* (7) and that the foresaid Act giving Authority and Power in the Premisses to any Justice of the

255 *Peace by himself, be in that behalf utterly void and of none effect by Authority of this present parliament.